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The Ontario Committee on Taxation,
Parliament Buildings,
Toronto, Ontario.
Mr. Lancelot J. Smith,
Chairman.

Dear Mr. Smith:

I have read with interest the undertaking by your committee of a comprehensive examination of provincial and municipal taxation.

May I add my voice to those with the view that non-property taxation is long overdue -- specifically, a motor vehicle tax. A motorist enjoys more services than any other category of citizen and it is only equitable that he be educated to the fact that he has to pay for a greater share of these services. This is important if a municipality is to remain financially strong.

A municipal tax on automobiles ensures the city of revenue representing an equitable share of the cost of operating civic government, in terms of -- street improvements, parking facilities, street cleaning, snow removal, etc. And I am happy to note that this view is steadily gaining in acceptance.

Continued demands for Federal and Provincial grants tend to turn municipalities into mere spending agencies and generally a corresponding carelessness about the ways in which the grants are spent.

Yours truly,

Mary Lucas (Miss)

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